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Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

On April 18 AD 2015 I embraced the calling to serve as Presiding Bishop of the Orthodox Anglican Church and Metropolitan of the Orthodox Anglican Communion. Having completed a year in office my gratitude toward those who have given me this opportunity to serve them has only increased. I worked closely with our Presiding Bishops for a decade before becoming Archbishop so I believed I was well acquainted with the difficulties of this office. However, there are unexpected blessings that come with the office too. Being able to spend time with Orthodox Anglicans in the next state or on the other side of the world, and to be treated as part of their family is a great blessing.

During the last twelve months the Lord has blessed our work and our future looks bright. During the course of the year we ordained five deacons, four priests, and consecrated one bishop. Three of these men are serving in jurisdictions outside North America. We have also added new missions to the church, and one mission has attained Parish status.

Globally we have also strengthened our ties with Christians around the world. We have welcomed new jurisdictions into the Orthodox Anglican Communion, appointed Vicars General in three countries, and signed an ecumenical agreement with a jurisdiction in Eastern Europe. We continue to look to strengthen ties with like-minded Anglicans here in North America, and are grateful for the small steps that have been taken toward that end.

In the past year a number of individuals stepped up and have freely taken on the mantle of leadership. Some of the things I had hoped we would achieve together fell victim to household medical issues, employment problems, or financial difficulties. I am grateful for the offering of service that these individuals have made, and will trust the Lord to provide the ability in His time.

On the corporate side of the ledger I can also report headway. A property in North Carolina, which has been a great strain on our finances for years, has been sold. Our Trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office were renewed. Mr James R. Theuer Esq. and Revd Denny Trousdale are responsible for helping us with these matters that go way beyond my expertise. We can all be grateful for their generous service to Christ and His church.

I thank you for all of your kindnesses, prayers, and financial support over the past year, and I hope to see many of you in Charlotte at our General Convention in August.

God bless you,

The Most Revd Thomas E. Gordon
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